

# Attention FDA

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came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

For ~~most~~ of us older folks, test is not necessary -  
Excel's trial period is enough. (I decided  
on programmable aids from an audiologist after  
extensive trials from Excel.)  
Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or  
have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

Three audiologists I went to were less help for  
me than Excel.

Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

Regulation by the government should always  
be only as proven very necessary.

Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

Absolutely! Unless there is proof of hearing  
damage by mail order aids.

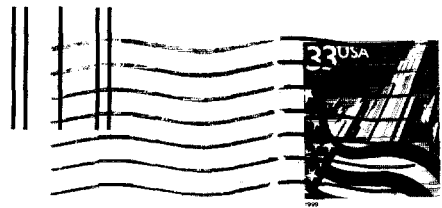
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